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SUBJECT: JULY 19 NAC CONSULTATIONS ON GREY AREA SYSTEMS

1. EDWARD CLAY, FCO OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR SALT, ASKED EMBOFF, IN COURSE OF INFORMAL CONVERSATION, WHETHER SIR JOHN KILICK'S REMARKS AT THE JULY 19 NAC HAD CREATED ANY PROBLEMS FOR USG. CLAY NOTED THAT HMG WERE TRYING TO WALK A DELICATE LINE, MAKING CLEAR ON THE ONE HAND ITS LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR ANY MOVE TOWARD GREY AREA NEGOTIATIONS AND FOR THE PROPOSED U.S. UNILATERAL STATEMENT, WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND NOT INTERPOSING OBSTACLES FOR THE USG IN ITS EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE SALT II. IN VIEW OF KILICK'S PENCHANT FOR EXCEEDING HIS BRIEF, CLAY (PROTECT WONDERED WHETHER THIS BALANCE HAD BEEN STRUCK. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT KILICK HAD CLEARLY DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION OF "NOT BEING TOTALLY PERSUADED OF THE NECESSITY OR DESIRABILITY OF THE U.S. STATEMENT, AND HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT IT WAS IN FACT UNDESIRABLE.

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EMBOFF SAID THAT U.S. MISSION HAD CONCLUDED FROM THE JULY 19 DISCUSSION THAT USG HAD "TACIT ACQUIESCENCE" OF THE NAC ON THE STATEMENT. CLAY AGREED THAT THIS WAS AN ACCURATE READING OF THE UK POSITION.

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